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In re Application of)
Tononi et al.)
Serial No: 09/733,607)
Filed: December 8, 2000)
For: VIGILANCE NUCLEIC ACIDS)
AND RELATED DIAGNOSTIC,)
SCREENING AND THERAPEUTIC)
METHODS)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
November 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the
following Remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 are presently pending and under
examination.

Regarding the Claim Objections

Claims 12 and 13 are objected to for allegedly reciting
non-elected inventions. While the Office will conduct its search
with regard to the elected species, Applicants respectfully
submit that there is no requirement to amend the pending claims
so as to remove recitation of non-elected species.